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1. WITH A PAT ON THE BACK TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND THE GREEK PEOPLE, FRG CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT BADE FAREWELL TO GREECE YESTERDAY (JANUARY 8) AFTER HIS TEN-DAY PRIVATE VACATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT IN DECEMBER (REFTEL). SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, HE GAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY, WHICH WAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY SCHMIDT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. GREECE - SUMMING UP HIS IMPRESSIONS OF GREECE, THE CHANCELLOR

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DESCRIBED THEM AS THREEFOLD: (A) HE SAID HE WAS ESPECIALLY

IMPRESSED BY THE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT MANNER WITH WHICH GREECE RETURNED TO NORMALITY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. (B) IN SPITE OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, HE CONSIDERED GREECE'S ECONOMY IS BETTER OFF THAN IN MANY COMPARABLE STATES. (C) HE RECEIVED A FRIENDLY WELCOME BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE "MAN-IN-THE-STREET".

3. GREEK ENTRY INTO THE EC - AS HE HAD BEFORE, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AGAIN PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR GREEK ENTRY INTO THE EC. "I PREFER TO VALUE GREECE'S FULL ENTRY PREDOMINANTLY WITHIN A POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONTEXT," HE SAID. THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND THE SECOND FINANCIAL PROTOCOL WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT THEY WILL BE FRUITFUL. HE ADDED, "MY COUNTRY WILL BE HELPFUL."

4. DEMOCRACY - COMMENTING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF DEMOCRACY HAS POSED PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT HISTORY, HE SAID THAT TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEMS SUCCESSFULLY REQUIRES DEMOCRATIC INSTINCTS AND THE ACTIVE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP. "THESE FACTORS ARE VIVIDLY MAKING THEMSELVES FELT IN PRESENT-DAY GREECE, WHICH IN TURN MAKES ME FEEL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY."

5. CYPRUS - ON CYPRUS, THE GERMAN LEADER RETITERATED ONCE AGAIN HIS GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO OFFER ITS GOOD OFFICES "TO THE GREEK AS WELL AS TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENTS". HE HOPED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE "WILL BRING ITS WEIGHT TO BEAR IN ORDER TO FOSTER A SOUND, JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION. I WOULD NOT GO ANY FURTHER," HE CONCLUDED

6. DETENTE - THE CHANCELLOR NOTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A NUMBER OF YEARS FOR THE HELSINKI DECLARATION TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO REALITY. THERE WILL BE - AS THERE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST, HE SAID - MANY UPS AND DOWNS, BUT HE DID NOT ENVISAGE ANY INTERRUPTION TO THE OVERALL DETENTE PROCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING A BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER WITHOUT WHICH, HE WARNED, THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND "EVEN OF PEACE ITSELF" COULD BE ENDANGERED

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7. MILITARY AID - THE CHANCELLOR INDICATED THAT THE FORM OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE WILL "BE THE SAME AS THAT APPLIED BEFORE THE COLONELS' DICTATORSHIP".  
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